



Congressman
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Newsletters



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SURVEY RESULTS

1) *Are you better off today than you were at this time in 2000?*

Yes	30.8%
No	67.7%
Same	1.5%

Among those who answered yes, the reasons they believed the better off were as follows:

- Higher income
- Better/stable/rewarding employment
- Lower taxes
- Increased health coverage
- Better educational/training opportunities for you or your children
- Business has prospered/grown
- Other (retirement, stock value increased, better personal lii better reps in DC)

Notes:

- Respondents who indicated employment as a reason higher income
- Almost all respondents who indicated that they had lc mentioned that they also received higher income
- Everyone that cited other reasons also indicated that a higher income and/or better employment

Among those who answered no, the reasons they believed they worse off were:

- Income loss
- Lack of/unstable/unrewarding employment
- Cost of educational/training for you or your children too hig
- Higher taxes
- Business has deteriorated/downsized
- Other

Other reasons cited were:

- Loss of constitutional rights and social crises
- Political pay-offs, tax cuts for the wealthy, LAUSD bu
- Imperialism
- Increasing costs and war
- Increasing insurance premiums and rent
- Loss of investment
- Worse healthcare system than before
- Illegal immigration

2) *The current federal minimum wage stands at \$5.15 an hour (\$10,7 Do you believe it should be:*

Less	1.25%
Same	10.75%
More	81.5%
No answer	7.5%

for those who answered more, the breakdown of preferred minimum wage as follows:

\$5.16 - 6.00	6.75%
\$6.01 - 7.00	21.8%
\$7.01 - 8.00	25%
\$8.01 - 9.00	11.4%
\$9.01 - 10.00	28.2%
\$10.01 - 15.00	6.75%
above \$15.00	0.1%

Notes:

Every person who wanted to lower the minimum wage or h remain the same was better off this past year.

3) *Congress just passed, and the president just signed, an \$87 billion for reconstruction and military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. What a feelings on this?*

- Should not have passed in the first place
- Money (at least part of it) should be appropriated as a loan
- Expenditure should be paid for to avoid adding to existing budget deficit
- Should have been less
- Should have been more

Comments:

- National security should come first
- Spend more for education and other public services r using it as foreign aid
- Should not have entered into war and invaded the co

first place

- \$87 billion should be spent honestly (Halliburton poor
- There should be more accountability for government
- Approps package should be billed to Bush and Chen

4) *Do you believe that the President possessed enough evidence to r decision to go to war in Iraq?*

Yes	15%
No	85%

Comments:

- Bush wanted to go to Iraq and Congress gave him pe
Now they're complaining
- It's all about oil
- Why hasn't Bush been impeached for providing fraud
evidence?

5) *What should be the nation's current policy toward Iraq? (check all t*

Work to form an international coalition...
Bring all the troops home
Stay the course
Deploy more troops

Comments:

- We should stay the course only if our actions lead to
Iraqi autonomy
- Bring all the reserves home

6) *Congress just passed, and the president just signed, a bill banning procedure that is commonly referred to as "partial birth abortion". Do with this decision?*

Yes	30%
No	66%
No answer	4%

Generally, most people who answered "no" indicated that the de should either be between the patient and doctor. Most reiterated that woman's choice and abortion should not be an issue for the federal g to regulate/discuss.

7) *Corporate governance and investment practices have been in the past few years. Recent reports have detailed the substantial salaries, corporate CEOs and senior executives. What do you feel the average should be paid compared to the average worker?*

10 times the salary	31.
Whatever company is willing to pay	23.
50 times the salary	9.8
100 times the salary	6.5
300 times the salary	1%
No answer:	8.3
Other:	19.
5 times or less	
between 6 - 10 times	
same as current salaries	

Other replies/comments were:

- Based on merit and how the company is doing
- \$25 - 40 per hour
- no more than 75k - 1 million a year
- should be up to the employees to decide
- the federal government has no business regulating C
- 25 times the average salary
- they should make minimum wage for a year
- as long as they don't reduce shareholders' return, cui salaries ok
- they shouldn't get stock options
- should be a percentage of the profit
- whatever the market will bear